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**Maine EMS Education Committee
Minutes
Wednesday, September 9, 1998**

Present: J. Brinkman, R. Chagrasulis, B. Davis, L. Delano, B. Demchak, P. Marcolini (Chair), D. Palladino, D. Robishaw, B. Zito

Staff: D. Corning

I. Call to Order - 9:40 a.m.

- a. **Introductions** - None required
- b. **Assign Timekeeper and Scribe** - B. Zito agreed to keep time and D. Corning to scribe.
- c. **Additions/Deletions to Agenda** - Dwight advised the committee that there is a Region 4 opening for the "At Large" position as Kathy Suminsby has stepped down.

II. Acceptance of July Minutes: The committee reviewed the minutes of the July 8, 1998, meeting.

MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 8, 1998 MEETING (Demchak; Palladino) - Motion Carries.

III. Staff Report:

- a. **I/C Workshop** - Region 3 will be doing an I/C workshop on Saturday, October 17.
- b. **Strategic Plan** - The Operations Team continues to work on the Strategic Plan, and this month worked on Goal #2, promoting universal access to emergency medical care.
- c. **Protocol Updates** - The MDPB is planning to complete their review at the September meeting, then will send a draft out to the regions for review and comment from interested parties.
- d. **Youth Suicide Prevention Training** - There have been two trainer classes so far, with very favorable responses from the participants.
- e. **LifeFlight** - LifeFlight is now licensed and completing their training before beginning operations.
- f. **Personnel & Finance Committee** - The Board appointed a new Personnel and Finance Committee to be more involved at looking at Maine EMS financial issues, and to perform the Director's evaluation.

IV. Old Business:

- a. **EMS/TC Task Force** - Jay has been in contact with Dick Willis, and had a scheduled meeting, which unfortunately had to be postponed. It is expected that this will be rescheduled in the near future.
- b. **EMT-Intermediate** - L. Delano passed out the most recent revision of the proposed additions to the EMT-I curriculum, and also passed out a document listing the Modules for the proposed course, and what modules could be completed as self study. (Both documents are included with these minutes.) The goal is to begin this program sometime after the first of the year. L. Delano will be continuing to review the list of items necessary to complete prior to implementing this course.
- c. **I/C Program** - Since C. Boehm was unable to attend today's meeting, and he had authored the draft document for our review, it was decided to again table further discussion of this document until C. Boehm could be present. If you have not reviewed the document and sent feedback to C. Boehm, please do so this month. (Copy enclosed for your convenience)
- d. **Distance Learning** - Committee has not yet met, but has been pulling together information. They expect to be meeting this month.
- e. **CEH Requirements** - (Drexell White facilitated this topic of discussion) Dwight handed out and briefly discussed a table comparing state recertification requirements for 28 different states. The Committee discussed the skills labs concept and there was strong support among the committee members today to eliminate skills labs in their current form and instead incorporate the lab experience into CEH requirements. The committee also discussed at length whether or not CPR cards should continue to be required, or could the competencies required be obtained in a CEH type system. The Committee did not reach any consensus in making a change in our current CPR requirements. The Committee did agree that there needs to continue to be categories for operations, medical, and trauma. This facilitated discussion will be continued at the October meeting.

V. **New Business:**

- a. **Mid Coast EMS Continuing Education for Clinical Rotation Model** - B. Zito briefly described the program of continuing education available from clinical time that the Mid Coast EMS Region developed. One question raised was whether or not people should be able to earn greater than 50% of the required hours in any given category from purely clinical time. This discussion will need to be included as we look at redesigning our CEH program.
- b. **Flight Paramedic Scope of Practice/Training Considerations** - Dr. Chagrasulis suggested that the Education Committee review the training of flight medics, and have a discussion of expanded scope of practice for paramedics, once a proposal is actually presented to Maine EMS.
- c. **Regional Votes** - It was discussed and clarified today that a region has two votes as long as they have two representatives present, which makes the alternate an alternate to either the regional representative or the regional at-large representative.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 14, from 9:30 - 12:30 a.m. The November meeting will be held jointly with the Operations Team. Because our usual meeting date is a holiday in November we will be meeting on **Tuesday, November 3, from 9:30 - 12:30.**